issues which that party placed in controversy or sought to place in controversy in the proceeding.

§2.713 Initial decision and its effect.

- (a) After hearing, the presiding officer will render an initial decision which will constitute the final action of the Commission forty (40) days after its date unless any party petitions for Commission review in accordance with §2.341 or the Commission takes review sua sponte.
- (b) Where the public interest so requires, the Commission may direct that the presiding officer certify the record to it without an initial decision, and may:
- (1) Prepare its own decision which will become final unless the Commission grants a petition for reconsideration under §2.345; or
- (2) Omit an initial decision on a finding that due and timely execution of its functions imperatively and unavoidably so requires.
- (c) An initial decision will be in writing and will be based on the whole record and supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence. The initial decision will include:
- (1) Findings, conclusions, and rulings, with the reasons or basis for them, on all material issues of fact, law, or discretion presented on-the-record;
- (2) All facts officially noticed and relied on in making the decision;
- (3) The appropriate ruling, order, or denial of relief with the effective date:
- (4) The time within which a petition for review of the decision may be filed, the time within which answers in support of or in opposition to a petition for review filed by another party may be filed and, in the case of an initial decision which may become final in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, the date when it may become final.

Subpart H—Rulemaking

§2.800 Scope and applicability.

(a) This subpart governs the issuance, amendment, and repeal of regulations in which participation by interested persons is prescribed under Section 553 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.

- (b) The procedures in §§ 2.804 through 2.810 apply to all rulemakings.
- (c) The procedures in §§ 2.802 through 2.803 apply to all petitions for rule-making except for initial applications for standard design certification rule-making under subpart B of part 52 of this chapter, and subsequent petitions for amendment of an existing design certification rule filed by the original applicant for the design certification rule.
- (d) The procedures in §§2.811 through 2.819, as supplemented by the provisions of subpart B of part 52, apply to standard design certification rule-making.

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§2.801 Initiation of rulemaking.

Rulemaking may be initiated by the Commission at its own instance, on the recommendation of another agency of the United States, or on the petition of any other interested person, including an application for design certification under subpart B of part 52 of this chapter.

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§2.802 Petition for rulemaking.

(a) Any interested person may petition the Commission to issue, amend or rescind any regulation. The petition should be addressed to the Secretary, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and sent either by mail addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; by facsimile; by hand delivery to the NRC's offices at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; or, where practicable, by electronic submission, for example, via Electronic Information Exchange, e-mail, or CD-ROM. Electronic submissions must be made in a manner that enables the NRC to receive, read, authenticate, distribute, and archive the submission, and process and retrieve it a single page at a time. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions can be obtained by visiting the NRC's Web site at http:// www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html; by e-mail to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov; or by writing the Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-